

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

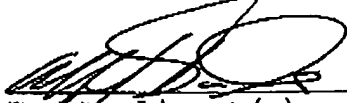
Claims 1-12 remain in the application. Claim 1 has been amended. A marked-up version of claim 1 is attached hereto on a separate page. The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error. A marked-up version of the changes is attached hereto on a separate page.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-12 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner & Greenberg P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,



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Marked-up version of the claims:

Claim 1 (twice-amended). An inking unit in a printing press, comprising an ink-metering device having at least one metering element operatively engaging with a roller, said roller being one of an ink form roller and a roller operatively engaging with an ink form roller, and an oscillation device assigned to said metering element for mounting said metering element so that it is oscillated between:

an engaging position of said metering element; and

a spaced-away position of said metering element in which said metering [unit] element is lifted to an outlet height of at least 20 micrometers and less than 100 micrometers from said roller.

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Marked-up version of the specification:

Replace the paragraph between page 21, lines 1-11 with the following:

--The oscillation-direction 19 and a tangential line 28 to the roller 7 intersect at a contact-point 29, at which the metering blade 18 is placed on the roller 7. An angle α with reference to the contact-point 29 as the vertex thereof, and subtended respectively by the oscillation-direction line 19 and the tangential line 28, may have a value of from 70° to 90° , so that the oscillating direction 19 either slightly counter-rotatingly aligned ($\alpha = 90^\circ$) in radial direction of the roller 7 or $[(90^\circ > \alpha > 70^\circ)]$ $(90^\circ > \alpha \geq 70^\circ)$ with respect to a rotational direction 30 of the roller 7.--